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For: MEDICAL VALVE WITH POSITIVE FLOW CHARACTERISTICS

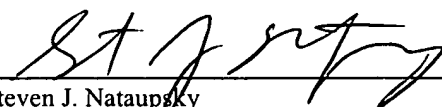
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